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TIMES FISH

Today's Receipts.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Tartar, via Boston.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.
Sch. Pinta, south seining.
Sch. Richard, Provincetown.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Minerva, haddocking.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, haddocking.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, haddocking.
Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, Boston.
Sch. Tattler, dory handlining.
Sch. Dictator, halibuting.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 8½ cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00 snappers, \$1.00.
Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

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Claims he Saw Mackerel Schools.
Sailor on Coasting Schooner Sighted Fish off Diamond Shoals.

A letter to the Times from Old Point Comfort, Va., states that the weather ashore there has been fine. Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine, of the seining fleet, put in there for water Friday. Capt. Devine reported seeing no mackerel schools as yet, but had runs across several large schools of small bonitas.

A letter received here by one of our large concerns, from a man in a large coaster that was blown off shore in one of the recent heavy gales, reports that on March 3 and 4 on the edge of soundings off the Diamond Shoals lightship, they sailed for two days through large schools of mackerel. The writer said that as he had been fishing for many years and had been mackerel seining a great deal, he knew mackerel when he saw them, and was sure that the schools sighted were mackerel.

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Sch. Wm. A. Morse Floated.

The revenue cutter Gresham, after considerable hard work by her officers and crew, succeeded in hauling the schooner William A. Morse off Long Point, Provincetown, yesterday, and towing her into Provincetown harbor. The Morse was driven on the Point during the heavy southeast gale of Thursday last, and it was feared would become a total wreck.

First Run of Alewives.

Edgartown had its first good run of alewives of the season on Friday, when 4000 fish in number were taken. They were shipped to John Nagle & Co., Boston, and the New Bedford Fish Co. With the coming of a few warm days, good catches are now looked for.

Stocked Over \$10,000.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, has been driving things recently, for since January she has stocked \$10,550 in the haddock fishery. Capt. "Bill" can always be depended upon to deliver the goods.

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WILL HELP FISHERMEN.

Newfoundland Planning to Telegraph Presence of Fish.

A St. John's, N. F., dispatch says that the members of the Morris government, who came into power in Newfoundland a few days ago, have announced their intentions of establishing a telegraph service such that fishermen all around the coast may know of the presence of codfish and bait in other parts of the island.

They have arranged for the compilation of this news daily at St. John's, from where it will be sent broadcast from one end of the country to the other.

As the government practically owns the entire telegraph system of the island, little if any additional expense will be involved.

At the present time if fishermen cannot get fish or bait in their own immediate territory they have to wait for it to turn up, meanwhile losing the chance of fishing to advantage a few miles away. The fishermen have now no knowledge of conditions on other parts of the coast, but it is thought that this benefit will be derived from the new information bureau.

CANADIAN FISHING BOUNTIES.

Amounts Distributed Among Owners and Crews Last Year.

The deep-sea fishermen of the Maritime Provinces received the sum of \$156,114 as bounties on their respective catches of sea fish for the season of 1907. Of this amount the owners of 327 fishing vessels and their crews received \$61,785. The balance, \$94,329 was distributed amongst 20,520 boat fishermen. The distribution by provinces were as follows:

Nova Scotia \$93,381
New Brunswick 16,451
Prince Edward Island 10,175
Quebec 36,102

Since its inception in 1882 the sum of \$4,105,815 has been distributed among the deep-sea fishermen of these provinces.

Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

Sch. Madeira, Captain Ambros Creaser, is fitting out at Zwicker & Company's. This schooner goes to Riverport today and leaves in a week for the Banks. Eight vessels are getting ready at Zwicker & Company's.

Capt. J. D. Lohnes of sch. Parana is fitting out at the Atlantic Fish Company's for a trip to the Banks. Capt. Lohnes expects to get away Thursday. He is one of the best known Riverport fishing skippers.

The LaHave schooners Moran, Alma Nelson, May Myra, Ethel, Elsie M. Walters, Mariner, Russel H. Pentz are at the wharves there fitted out for bank fishing.

Sch. Glenwood, of Riverport, has been withdrawn from the fisheries this season, and will probably be placed in the West India trade.

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SIXTEEN TRIPS AT BOSTON.

But Fresh Fish Prices Are Only Fair.

T wharf, Boston, is not very well supplied with fish today, there being but 16 trips there, all market boats but two. Prices are fair, but no more than that.

One of the off shores is the steam trawler Spray with a small trip, about 23,000 pounds, and the other is sch. Gertrude, Capt. James Vanamberg, with 40,000 pounds, half haddock and half cod.

Of the boats, schs. Pontiac, Valentina and Sadie M. Nunan, have 17,000 pounds each, sch. Hope 12,000 pounds, schs. Warren M. Goodspeed and Rose Standish 9000 pounds each. The others have small fares. The pollock seiner Olive F. Hutchins is also there with 11,000 pounds of pollock and sch. Belbina P. Domingoes was there Saturday with 13,000 pounds of haddock and cod.

Old haddock are bringing \$1 today, new off shore haddock \$2.50 and shore haddock \$2.80. Large cod bring from \$3 to \$6, market cod \$3 to \$3.25 and pollock \$2.50.

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Lost Her Trawls.

Sch. Natalla J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, reports having very bad weather on her recent haddock trip to Georges, losing about all of her trawls.

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SEVERAL SHORE BOATS HERE.

Will Make Another Set Tomorrow or Go to Boston.

At this port the only arrival from off shore this morning is sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, from Green Bank, with a fine fare of 30,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Colson reports seeing no vessels.

Sch. Lucania came from Boston Saturday night with 6000 pounds of fresh cod to split.

Several of the shore boats in here for harbor have fish on board but will not land. Some will make another set while others will market at T wharf tomorrow.

A number of the market boats are in port, coming in to get clear of yesterday's southeaster. They will not do any fishing today as the wind outside is northwest and heavy and the glass is not too much above 29.

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Sch. Margaret, Green bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 600 lbs. salt fish.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 6000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Washakie, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Carrie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ella G. King, Georges.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, south seining.
Sch. Rose Standish, Boston.
Sch. Motor, Boston.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
Sch. Maxine Elliott, dory handlining.
Sch. Massachusetts, halibuting.
Sch. Squanto, south seining.
Sch. Diana, south seining.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, haddocking.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, dory handlining.
Sch. Atalanta, halibuting.
Sch. John M. Keen, haddocking.
Sch. Clara J. Silva, haddocking.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James R. Clark has sailed for Yarmouth, N. S.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, sailed south seining Saturday night. Schs. Diana and Squanto will get away today.
Sch. Moaniam was at Shelburne, N. S., on Thursday.
The salt bankers Mabel D. Hines, Orinoco, Senator Gardner and Bohemia were at Halifax on Friday for bait.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Edward S. Eveleth, Ipswich for Boston.
Sch. Eben Parsons, Ipswich for Boston.
Sch. Jennie N. Riddell, Boston for St. John, N. B.
Br. sch. Ravola, wrecked and floated and towed here, St. John, N. B., for New York.

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Boston.

Steamer Spray, 20,000 haddock, 2500 cod.
 Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Athena, 6000 haddock, 800 cod.
 Sch. Valentinna, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3500 cod.
 Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 11,000 pollock.
 Sch. Hope, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Gertrude, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Warren W. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Motor, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.
 Haddock, \$1.10 to \$2.80; new off shore \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$3.25; pollock, \$2.50.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Friday:
 Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 pounds.
 Sch. Rena A. Percy, 6000 pounds.
 Sch. Angie B. Watson, 14,000 pounds.
 Sch. Margie Turner, 10,000 pounds.

Provincetown Notes.

Trawling schooner Harvester, while being backed into harbor from Knowles' wharf Sunday by two or more motor craft, was in collision with the motor sloop Lewey Warren, whose engine had broken down while she was going to aid in getting the schooner to an anchorage in harbor. Three of the Warren's stanchions were broken by the impact.

The little schooner Kathleen, Portland for Newport, where she is to be used in the lobster fishery, left this harbor yesterday morning, but carried away mainmast head and returned.

Sloops Betsy Ross and Barbara and the motor boats George Brown and Aurelia sailed Tuesday for Hyannis and flatfish dredging.

Flatfisher Little Jennie took 1200 pounds haddock in dredge late Tuesday afternoon.

Packet schooner J. P. Foster, Jr., sailed Thursday for Gloucester, with oil and fish scraps, consigned to the W. H. Perkins Co.

Sch. Angelina lost all her gear Sunday, off South Hyannis, being very rough; could not drag nor find it. She has given up the business there for the present and will go April 1 to tend a fish weir from Menemsha Bight to New Bedford.

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18,000 BARRELS OF OYSTERS.

Cotuit Crop Best in Years Owing to Warm Winter.

Cotuit oystermen report one of the best seasons in 10 years. There have been more than 18,000 barrels shipped from West Barnstable. The profits amount to about \$108,000. The warm winter has had much to do with the profits, as there has been no ice to hinder cleaning their beds up and no anchor frost to delay the oyster. In years past there have been hundreds of barrels killed by anchor frost.

As about all the flats are cleaned off there will be a large amount of seed imported from places along Long Island sound to restock the beds. Already there has been ordered about 65,000 bushels of seed from Green Port. This seed will all be of the three-year-old type and will cost 55 cents a bushel, f. o. b., Green Port. The freight will be about 2 cents a bushel.

Archie Handy, the quahaug farmer, has had a very good season with his first crop. When he planted last spring he did not expect to ship many during the winter, but they grew very fast. His shipment has proved that the new industry will pay as well as oysters. It is less work to take care of quahaugs.

A few flat fish have been caught in the upper harbor, but not enough for any of the boatman to make a business of it as yet, but it is expected that some shipments will be made this week.

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Anti-Torthing Bill

Amended.

Passed to be Engrossed

by the General Court

Yesterday.

Provision Made for

Granting Licenses to

Fishermen.

After amending the bill prohibiting the torthing for herring within the waters in and about Nahant Bay, Beverly harbor and Salem bay, the house of representatives yesterday passed the bill to be engrossed. The amendment had been previously agreed to by the interest in Gloucester which had held up the bill's passage since early last week.

As amended, the bill provides that the board of aldermen or selectmen may grant permits for the display of torches or other light for the purpose of taking herring within the limits of their respective cities and towns during the months of October to April inclusive, of any year, with such restrictions as in their judgment will prevent the same from constituting a nuisance; and they may at any time revoke any such permit.

Notwithstanding the opposition of the Gloucester representatives the house would doubtless have passed the bill in its original shape, it having come from the committee on fisheries and game without dissent. The adoption of the amendment has the effect of permitting the herring catching during certain months of the year, and as this is what was desired by those who opposed the first measure.

Had the bill gone to the senate in its original form, Senator Shaw would have made an attempt to prevent its passage. He had already gathered about him in the prospective fight a majority of that body, and it is fair to assume that the bill could not have passed the upper branch or if it did, it would be so amended as to make it harmless or inoperative.

The amended bill now goes to the senate for concurrence in the amendments and the passage of the bill to its several readings, following which it goes to the governor for approval. Senator Shaw will follow the measure in its passage through the upper branch and see to it that no hostile amendment is adopted or the house amendment stricken out.

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Yarmouth, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Capt. Arthur Casey is to take command of the schooner Alycone in the fresh halibut fishery and Capt. Harry Ross will command sch. Wilfred L. Snow.

Capt. Joseph E. Snow, of Digby, is going to the Magdalenas about the middle of April in the sch. W. Parnell O'Hara for a load of herring for curing in his smoke house.

Capt. Joseph Melanson has been appointed port warden for the port of Annapolis Royal, his appointment being gazetted in this week's Canada Gazette.

The sch. Kernwood, which sustained some damage by grounding in the harbor, came off the slip Friday after having been repaired and painted. She was towed down the harbor and will sail for the fishing grounds at the first chance.

Record Flounder Catch.

The flounder fishermen of the south side of Cape Cod made a record breaking catch on Saturday. There was not a boat below 20 barrels, and Capt. Frank Lewis of the sloop Dart landed 50 barrels in 5 1/4 hours.

The old fishermen around shore say that the gale of the past few days worked up such an undertow that it washed the fish from their winter quarters in the mud, and thus enabled the dredgers to make such a large catch.

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Colony Made Strong Protest.

Newfoundland Claimed

Fishery Legislation

Was Local Concern.

Earl of Elgin, However,

Held Contrary Views.

Much of the diplomatic correspondence during the year of 1906 between the United States and Great Britain had to do with the question of the Newfoundland fisheries controversy, the full notes on which appears in the foreign relations despatches of that year just made public by the state department.

The controversy happily has been settled for the time being by a decision to refer the controverted questions to The Hague for arbitration. Included in the published correspondence are many despatches passing between the British foreign office and the colonial authorities, a perusal of which indicate the divergence of views held by the home government and her dependency on various points raised by the United States which made it such a difficult and tedious matter to reach an agreement on which the Newfoundland government was willing that the issues involved should go to arbitration.

One of the interesting despatches of the series is that from Governor Sir W. MacGregor to the Earl of Elgin, in which he says that he is desired by his ministers to state that they have learned with profound regret that his majesty's government had, without reference to the local government, proposed to the United States as one of the terms of a modus vivendi, the suspension of the foreign fishing vessels act, which was only adopted after consulting with his majesty's government, and mainly with a view to enable the

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and thus secure during the coming autumn peaceable conduct of the fisheries. The despatch continues:

They respectfully submit that any arrangement embracing the suspension of that act interferes with the internal affairs of the colony and is in violation of the pledge furnished by Lord Salisbury through the British Parliament of the fifth of May, 1891, during the debate on Newfoundland fisheries bill, "that the government of this colony is given unlimited power with respect to its internal affairs."

To this communication the Earl of Elgin on Sept. 20 replied in part, as follows:

In the speech referred to, Lord Salisbury drew a clear and precise distinction between the internal affairs of the colony and matters of international and outside interest, and insisted strongly on the right of the imperial government to intervene in questions touching the relations of the empire with foreign states. I am compelled, therefore, to infer that your ministers regard the enforcement of the provisions of the foreign fishing vessels act, 1906, on the United States fishermen as a matter of purely local concern.

I am at a loss to discover the grounds on which they hold that view, and I regret that I am unable to record by assent to it. It will be within your recollection that when you informed me, on February last to the intention of your ministers to propose to the colonial legislature additional legislation to prevent British subjects resident in the colony from fishing for American vessels and suggested that such legislation would be regarded by his majesty's government as a matter of local concern, I replied that I held the contrary view and that his majesty's government, as responsible for the proper carrying out of the provisions of article one of the convention of 1818, were closely and directly interested in any legislation intended to define the conditions on which the rights of the inhabitants of the United States under that article were to be exercised.